Status Report of Railway projects

2203. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has submitted a Status Report on Railway Projects;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) steps to be taken by the Ministry to complete the pending projects and to avoid cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):(a) and (b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation prepares a monthly flash report of projects and other works costing Rs.100 crore & above and a quarterly status report costing Rs.20 crore & above. The quarterly report of October-December 2002 and monthly report of June 2003 has been received in the Ministry. As per their report, there are 176 projects and other railway works on the monitoring system. The reports mention about time and cost overrun on these projects. The project-wise details have also been given.

(c) Railways have a heavy throw-forward of on going projects with limited availability of resources. The time and cost overrun is not feasible to be calculated in such a case where matching availability of funds is not assured. The targets of completion of projects are being fixed from year to year keeping in view the progress of works and availability of resources. However, a number of investment initiatives have been taken in the past few years and additional funds have been generated which is likely to expedite completion of the projects.

Doubling project between Tundla and Yamuna Bridge

2204. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no techno-economic survey has been done for the doubling project between Tundla and Yamuna Bridge, if so, the reasons therefor; and